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Gloucester Jan^y 11. 1804

I expected ere this to have seen you in Portland - but from a concurrence of untoward circumstances I think it probable I shall not appear to you these some weeks - Eben will carry to you our good mother - perhaps next week - He arrives here on Tuesday - Pray tell me if you go west this winter? I gave E. M. Blunt a memorandum of books I very much wished him to purchase - & I fear he will sell them before I can send - If he should I shall be seriously injured -

The resolution for altering the Federal Constitution has, it seems, at last made its appearance in due form - Does not this argue most cogently the necessity of sending intelligent, upright men to represent us in our state legislature? We are too negligent about our state representatives & officers - especially when Demos make them such potent engines - If the Federalists are wanting in this particular at the next election they may well deserve the epithets of inert, stupid fellows - I have just read your last Commercial Gazette - & these remarks are the result - Adieu

Greenleaf

Duty to Slaves & honest Wm

Worcester Aug 11 1874

Mr. Oliver A. Perkins

Portland